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Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027

The General Assembly,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[1] through which world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the development and implementation of a 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union,

Recalling also the adoption of the framework for the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union set out in the declaration entitled "Enhancing United Nations-African Union cooperation: framework for the ten-year capacity-building programme for the African Union", signed in Addis Ababa on 16 November 2006 by the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission,[2] which highlights the key areas for cooperation between the African Union and the United Nations,

Noting that the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union has since been in effect and has provided an important context for focused United Nations support to the capacity-building efforts of the African Union,

Reaffirming the political declaration on Africa's development needs adopted at the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs on 22 September 2008,[3]

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

[1] Resolution 60/1.

[2] A/61/630, annex.

[3] Resolution 63/1.

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Reaffirming also its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming further its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015, entitled "Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)", which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Recognizing the need to enhance the strategic relationship between the United Nations and the African Union, as a basis for a more effective partnership embodying the principles of mutual respect when addressing issues of mutual concern,

Welcoming the Paris Agreement[4] and its early entry into force, encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[5] that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Recalling that significant challenges remain in achieving sustainable development in Africa, as emphasized in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[6] including the importance of fulfilling all commitments to advance action in areas critical to Africa's sustainable development,

Welcoming the adoption of Agenda 2063 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union at its twenty-fourth ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa on 30 and 31 January 2015, as the African Union long-term strategy emphasizing industrialization, youth employment, improved natural resource governance and the reduction of inequalities,

Welcoming also the adoption by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union of the first 10-year implementation plan (2014-2023) of the African Union Agenda 2063, which outlines key African flagship

[4] See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.
[5] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.
[6] Resolution 66/288, annex.

projects, fast-track programmes, priority areas, specific targets and African strategies and policy measures at all levels to support its implementation,

Acknowledging the importance of supporting the African Union Agenda 2063 and the programme of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, both of which are integral to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and offer an important opportunity for Africa to achieve inclusive and transformative development with equity, and underscoring in this regard the importance of a coherent and coordinated implementation of Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda,

Acknowledging also that the implementation of Agenda 2063 will be aligned, as appropriate, with the principles and goals of the 2030 Agenda, and calling upon the United Nations to continue discussions on the Framework for a Renewed Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027, based on Agenda 2063,

1. *Takes note of* the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union, Assembly/AU/Dec.587 (XXV) of 2015, in which they requested that the United Nations take the necessary measures to further enhance its cooperation with the African Union, especially in the context of the implementation of the transformative Agenda 2063, as well as of the Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027 as the overall platform for United Nations-African Union cooperation, and also takes note of the request of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union that the General Assembly of the United Nations adopt a resolution at its seventieth session in support of the Framework;

2. *Commends* all the stakeholders in the partnership, namely, United Nations and African Union entities, for the significant efforts deployed in the implementation of the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union;

3. *Welcoming* the United Nations-African Union joint decision during the fifteenth session of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa, held in Abuja in March 2014, to formulate a successor programme to the 2006 United Nations-African Union 10-year capacity-building programme as an important contribution towards conflict prevention and conflict resolution on the African continent that will also reflect the support of the United Nations to Agenda 2063, and reiterates the importance of greater engagement with the regional economic communities in formulating the successor programme;

4. *Welcomes* the Framework for a Renewed United Nations-African Union Partnership on Africa's Integration and Development Agenda 2017-2027, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union at its twenty-fifth ordinary session, held in Johannesburg in June 2015, as the successor programme to the 2006 United Nations-African Union 10-year capacity-building programme that is anchored in Agenda 2063;

5. *Reaffirms* the importance of supporting the African Union Agenda 2063 and its first 10-year implementation plan (2014-2023);

6. *Calls upon* relevant entities of the United Nations system, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism, to align their programmes and activities with the priorities enshrined in the Framework, as appropriate;

7. *Calls upon* the secretariat of Regional Coordination Mechanism to monitor and coordinate the implementation of the Framework as the successor programme to the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union;

8. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to provide, as appropriate, predictable support for full, effective and efficient implementation of the Framework;

9. *Calls upon* Africa's bilateral and multilateral partners and the international community at large to lend their full support to the implementation of the Framework in concrete and enabling ways;

10. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, working in collaboration to monitor the progress made in the implementation of the Framework, and requests the Secretary-General to report on a biennial basis to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Framework within the context of his report on cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union.